



"Now don't laugh, just think about it! If two people can stand like this, why can't two people stand at Kyle Field like this too so more people can get in?"

## OPINION

### Mexico gas deal — bargain now, later

It took the United States and Mexico nearly two years of hard and often bitter bargaining to reach an agreement on the purchase of Mexican natural gas by this country.

Looking back, though, it was an agreement that had to come about, and it confers long-range benefits on both parties.

It's true that Americans will be paying the highest price in the world for pipeline gas — \$3.625 per 1,000 cubic feet initially. It's also true that Canada, which already supplies 10 times as much gas to the United States as Mexico will, can be expected to bring its price up to that level.

Yet while there is no denying that the Mexican gas deal will have an impact on America's gas bill, it will pay off in other ways.

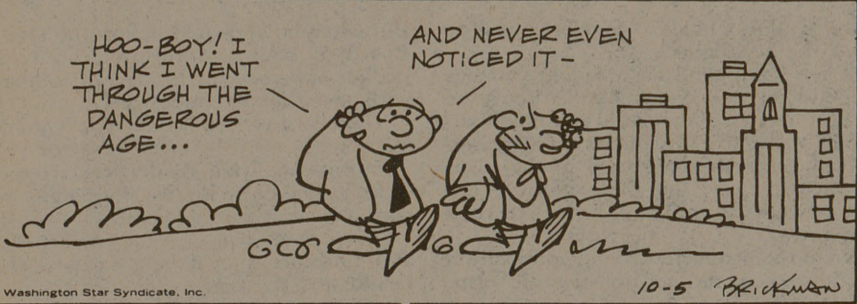
Mexican natural gas is found in high concentrations in its oil fields. Giving Mexico an incentive to produce more gas will have the effect of encouraging more oil production.

We could reasonably get along without Mexican natural gas, since our own reserves are still fairly abundant. But it is a certainty that we will want more Mexican oil in coming years. Thus consummation of the gas agreement, even at what looks today like a steep price, is an investment in the future.

Not least, the agreement removes a stumbling block to improved relations in other areas, such as the problem of illegal Mexican aliens, or Mexico's complaint about U.S. restrictions on imports of its vegetables.

the small society

by Brickman



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## FORUM

By W. SCOTT SHERMAN  
Various political writers, sages and commentators have voiced reasons that Jimmy Carter should not run for a second term in 1980.

The sad shape of the economy, foreign policy, lack of public confidence and the energy crisis have all been penned as grounds for the non-making of the president in 1980.

There exists, however, a group of Americans who have a special dread of another term of peanuts, Billy Beer and Miss Lillian.

This group has realized if the man from Plains runs again, and wins, the entire nation will have to watch Amy Carter go through puberty.

Amypubosophobia, as this is known, is the uncontrollable fear of watching the First Tot become the First Teen. On the

Or, if she asks Queen Noor of Jordan for a Midol.  
And you thought Andy Young was a liability!

The more nerotic amypubosophobias believe the real problem will come at the end of Mr. Carter's second term. Simple math shows Amy will be approaching 17 years old, well above the average marriageable age for Georgia girls.

We may be faced with the first presidential pig push in the nation's history.

International diplomacy may depend on whether Jimmy and Roz can pawn off the first teeny-bopper.

A possible upper level meeting of the security council could be delayed while Jimmy and Rosalynn contemplate which world leader to intimidate to get the first teen her beau.

"Jimmy, I don't care about the gas deal. President Lopez Portillo down in Mexico has a nice son . . . he's such a nice boy, considering . . . and little Amy is just pining away."

"Ah now deah, but when I call the Portillo house and tell them this is the President of the United States calling, they say 'There is no one here.' and hang up."

"Well, what about that lovely Mrs. Thatcher over in London?"

"Deah, the Thatchers don't have any sons, Princes Charles and Andrew keep pointing out we ah not nobility and the common market countries say they have a trade restriction against such things."

"Why can't we find a nice boy here in the United States for our Amy?"

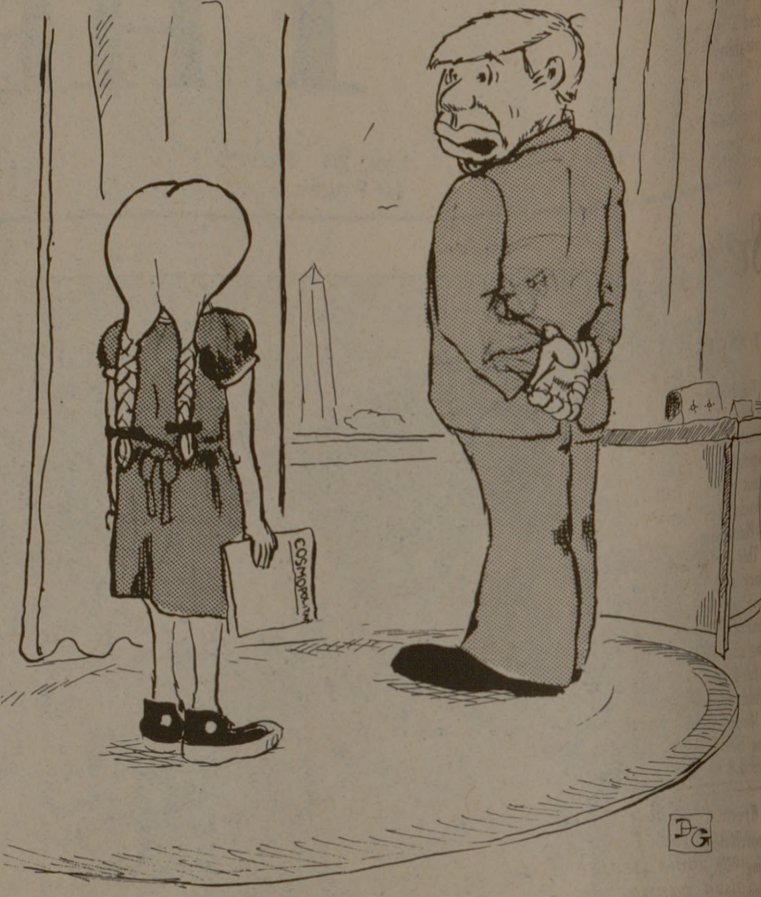
"I don't know, theh just don't seem to be any. It's . . . it's a moral crisis. I better call Zbigniew and have him re-initiate the draft so we can get a list of eligible young men."

And this is where amypubosophobias wake from their nightmares sweating and screaming.

W. Scott Sherman is a graduate student in management and a former Battalion staffer.

### Fear of Clearasil could kill Carter's hope for second term

YOU'VE BEGUN LUSTING IN YO' HEART!!!!?



### Satire

surface it may not appear as a major threat to our society, but after some thought, the full social magnitude comes to light.

Imagine coast-to-coast television broadcasting Little Amy's first zit.

Or, Barbara Walters joining Rosalynn and Amy as the first pair goes to buy Amy's first training bra.

Or, the entire country glued to its sets to watch Amy come home from her first date. (The only thing that could add to the nausea at this point is if her first social encounter was with Hamilton Jordan. Then it becomes without redeeming social value, and therefore, obscene.)

Amypubosophobias believe this to be only the beginning of the crisis.

International consequences could befall all of us if Amy asks Begin if she can borrow his "little hat" to complete her disco outfit.

Or, if she calls Jesse Jackson "boy."

## DICK WEST

### Those who use wood-burning stoves: Watch out for OFEC, a new threat

By DICK WEST  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — All over the country, in areas where winter temperatures drop below the 65-degree thermostat setting recommended by President Carter, people are trying to beat the high cost of heating fuel by installing wood-burning stoves.

I can see it all now:  
HELSINKI, Finland — Member of OFEC, the Organization of Firewood Exporting Countries, voted today to raise prices by \$12.75 a cord, far more than expected.

It was the third OFEC price boost this year and brought the overall increase for the past 12 months to \$39.06.

Ollie Swenlogg, Sweden's firewood

minister who is regarded as a moderate, sought to hold the hike to \$7.51.

He argued that the larger increase, demanded by such heavily wooded countries as Finland and Nigeria, would cause economic hardships in many areas, particularly those above timber line.

After being voted down, Swenlogg promised that Sweden would continue splitting firewood at present rates until next spring, thus helping stabilize the supply situation.

CROSSCUT, Va. — American firewood dealers say the latest OFEC price increase will mean a jump in U.S. prices of about \$15.29 a pickup load, delivered and stacked.

A spokesman for the Pickup Truck Wood Haulers Association, the industry's

chief lobbying group, predicted prices would rise to more than \$100 a load, depending on whether it was "old" wood or "new" wood.

As defined by Congress, "old" wood comes from trees planted before 1970. The definition of "new" wood is too complicated to explain.

The United States currently imports about 46 percent of the cordwood burned in fireplaces, stoves and other heating devices. Various programs to make American less dependent on foreign firewood have encountered strong inertia and some active opposition.

Owners of major league ballparks, for example, objected to plans for planting trees in the outfield. They complained the arboreal growth attracted picnickers into fair ball territory and made it difficult for

umpires to call ground rule doubles. CHICAGO — The National Firewood Consumers Union today offered helpful hints on how to conserve wood piles.

1. Tests show that wet wood burns slowly than dry wood. For less than 10 percent, consumers can install automatic sprayers that keep logs damp during the burning process.

By prolonging the burning life of the erage log up to 10 percent, the savings should pay for itself in 25 years.

2. Woodsmoke going up a chimney stovepipe contains a surprising amount of heat. Much of that heat can be conserved by closing dampers so that the smoke circulates around the room until it cools.

3. Switch back to oil, coal, electricity and gas.

## LETTERS

### UT challenges Texas A&M to prove the Aggie Blood Drive isn't anemic

Editor:  
We, the students of The University of Texas think the Aggie Blood Drive is anemic . . . .

We think the Aggie Blood Drive is an insult to a real Blood Drive (such as ours) and we challenge the students of Texas A&M to donate as much blood as we will in our Blood Drive.

The winner will be determined by the highest percentage of the students donating blood. We are confident there is no way the Aggies can win. Good luck! You'll need it!

— Ed Triece  
Blood Drive Chairman  
Alpha Rho Chapter  
Alpha Phi Omega  
University of Texas

Editor's note: The Aggie Blood Drive will be next Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each night in the Memorial Student Center Ballrooms.

### Student 'Y': Thanks

Editor:  
In reading the article of October 2 concerning the renewal of federal funds for the Bridge House, I noticed your reference to the Student "Y" Association program.

Some of the kids of the Bridge House do not attend school and have little to occupy their time other than TV. The "Y" program, run by volunteers, strives to make the residents of Bridge House feel more at ease there through activities with college students. Some sports equipment has been given the kids by the "Y."

Anyone interested in working with this program can call Tommy Smith, chairman for community services, at 845-5848 or 845-1626, or can attend a meeting Thursday, 6:30 p.m., in Room 138 MSC.

Thank you for exposing a program the "Y" feels is really worthwhile.  
— Venita McCelson

### The truth about . . .

Editor:  
In reference to the article about Kennedy that appeared in the Batt on Wednesday, Oct. 3: AMEN!

After reading the article about Kennedy in this month's Today's Student, I was

wondering if any students really knew what Kennedy represents. Now I'm positive that at least some of us do.

If there are any anti-Kennedy or pro-Connelly groups on campus, why don't you stand out and be heard? I'm sure there are many concerned people who would join and contribute to these organizations in any way possible.

Thanks Richard, for bringing the truth about Kennedy to light.

— Jeff Schmidt  
Editor's note: This letter was accompanied by 12 other signatures.

### Schumacher!

Editor:  
We address this letter to both the editor

of the Battalion and the editor of the Aggie Blood Drive.

For two days, reference has been made to Schumacher. The name Schumacher was never mentioned. We realize Schumacher was probably a typographical error. However, since our dorm has been spelled Schumacher in both the October 3 Battalion and the Aggie Blood Drive we must assume the nameplate on our dorm is in error. Therefore, could please inform us who to contact to have the sign replaced. Thank you.

— Alan Mosley

Editor's note: This letter was accompanied by five other signatures. Apologize.

## THOTZ

by Doug Graham

